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Response To Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 01/18/2007 in regard to the above-identified patent application.

Claims 15-21, 25-32 and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Benzoni (US 5,416,668). Claims 22-24 and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Benzoni (US 5,416,668). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

The examiner stated that the limitation of "die case" does not result in a structural difference. This is incorrect. The examiner is directed to MPEP 2113. As stated in this section of the MPEP,

"The structure implied by the process steps should be considered when assessing the patentability of product-by-process claims over the prior art, especially where

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